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DIARY NOTES

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12 September 1966

1. I reported at the Morning Meeting that [REDACTED] had been selected 25X1A and the Field had accepted his assignment as the phase-out negotiator. After some discussion of the problem involved, Mr. Helms said that he felt it was a very good choice.

2. We had a meeting at 10:00 A.M. on the [REDACTED] case with Mr. Helms. He 25X1A felt that we should postpone the termination for at least a day in order that we do our homework on what we tell the press if they inquire. This meeting was followed immediately by a meeting which I held with Larry Houston, [REDACTED] Jake 25X1A Goodwin, Howard Osborn, and Emmett Echols. We formulated as many questions 25X1A as we could and proposed answers. Later we went over these with Col. White at some length. He is going to present these to the Director at 8:45 A.M. tomorrow. One other matter came up and that was an addendum to the "Instructions to [REDACTED]" This had to do with requiring him to certify that he had no other documents or copies thereof of any other classified material and reminded him of the consequences of making a false certificate to the government. Everybody agreed that this was a valuable addition and it now appears that we will not object to giving him a copy.

3. Col. White called and wanted to know about the arrangements for the White House Fellows' dinner. He wanted to be sure that it was not scheduled earlier than 6:30 P.M. I told him that this could be arranged and if there were to be any deviations from last year's program I would let him know. OTR was having a meeting with the White House coordinator today.

4. The next NIS group is due to come here on 28 September. If we are going to incorporate any changes in our presentation as a result of the "Sex in Intelligence" letter from that State Department man, we had best do it soon.

25X1A 5. [REDACTED] called to say that the JOIC had coordinated a press release 25X1A for Dengler, the Navy lieutenant who escaped in Vietnam. Later [REDACTED] of our 25X1A [REDACTED] was asked by State if we really would want to coordinate on such a release. Nobody seems to be able to get a copy of it and the implication is that Air America is unfavorably represented as belonging to the Agency. FE is trying to track this down now. Since it is scheduled for release tomorrow, it is not likely that we can stop it. Jake Goodwin is reported to have coordinated on the release without reference to FE, [REDACTED] or ourselves. I don't know that this is a fact.

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